

FARMINGTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

September 19, 2017

WORK SESSION

Present: Mayor Jim Talbot; Councilmembers John Bilton, Doug Anderson, Cory Ritz, Brigham Mellor, Brett Anderson; City Manager Dave Millheim, City Development Director David Petersen, City Planner Eric Anderson, City Recorder Holly Gadd, and Recording Secretary Tarra McFadden

Review of Items for Regular Session

Mayor **Jim Talbot** and councilmembers discussed items on the agenda for the regular session. They discussed listening to the presentation regarding the West Davis Corridor from Farmington residents and noted some of the pros and cons related to the placement of sound walls.

David Petersen said that the water line agreement needs to be updated before it can be approved by the Council and recommended pulling that item from the agenda to be revisited at a later date.

Mayor Talbot & City Council Reports

Councilmember Cory Ritz

Councilmember **Cory Ritz** provided information from the Mosquito Abatement District. There have been 3 human cases of West Nile Virus in Davis County, 22 statewide cases and all of them have been neuro-invasive. West Nile Virus is present in 47 states, with a total of 38 human cases nationally. It is better controlled in urban areas with aggressive abatement plans. The Mosquito Abatement District Board voted for a tax increase and currently have a bond for expansion of facilities. Residents will likely see a 20% increase in tax assessment, which equates to roughly \$3.33 per household.

Cory Ritz asked about an update on the 1100 West road construction and expressed concern about the quality of the work. **Dave Millheim** assured him that City staff is monitoring progress and quality of the project. Paving is on track, but weather will start to impact project completion soon.

Councilmember Doug Anderson

No updates to report.

Councilmember Brett Anderson

No updates to report.

Councilmember Brigham Mellor

Councilmember **Brigham Mellor** shared that someone had contacted him about sound walls near the frontage road and being unhappy with them, and she expressed concern about possible sound walls along West Davis Corridor.

Another citizen contacted the Council about horse excrement on public roads and trails and wanted to know who is responsible for removal. The Council suggested that the Trails Committee discuss the issue and proffer a possible solution to be discussed by the Council in a future meeting.

Councilmember John Bilton

No updates to report.

Mayor Jim Talbot

Mayor **Jim Talbot** provided an update regarding the landscaping of the roundabout at 1100 West. The plan had been a windmill with landscaping and a water feature, but the committee is now pursuing a sculptor who created a grouping of horses for Grand Junction, CO.

REGULAR SESSION

Present: Mayor Jim Talbot; Councilmembers John Bilton, Doug Anderson, Cory Ritz, Brigham Mellor, Brett Anderson; City Manager Dave Millheim, City Development Director David Petersen, City Planner Eric Anderson, City Recorder Holly Gadd, and Recording Secretary Tarra McFadden

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor **Jim Talbot** called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Roll Call (Opening Comments/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance)

The invocation was offered by **Mayor Jim Talbot** and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Austin Hedberg of Boy Scout Troop 114.

Sam Marston, Mayor of the Farmington Youth City Council, and Senior at Viewmont High School, introduced himself and shared that he is interested in health sciences, and likes camping and fishing.

PRESENTATIONS:

West Davis Corridor-Farmington City Residents

Farmington residents Spencer Moffat, Greg Daly and Greg Schow introduced themselves and noted that they reside in West Farmington near the proposed West Davis Corridor proposed alignment. The residents thanked the Mayor and the Council and acknowledged the City's efforts to minimize the impact of the West Davis Corridor on Farmington. The group has organized and drafted an initial wish list for further mitigation efforts focusing on berming, landscaping, and the use of quiet pavement. The current aesthetics budget is insufficient. The group has engaged key stakeholders at the Legislature and will continue to work with Farmington City to offer a united front to make the road as good as it possibly can be. Farmington will be

disproportionately impacted by the West Davis Corridor and should be entitled to additional funding.

Mayor **Jim Talbot** stated that Farmington has been against the West Davis Corridor for many years and has spent time and energy fighting its impacts. The City has not been able to stop the “freight train” so the strategy is to move forward and minimize the negative impacts. He thanked the group for providing a supportive citizen component and looks forward to a continued partnership.

Doug Anderson is against the highway and recognizes the City does not have an additional 3.7 million dollars to make the road look great. **Cory Ritz** expressed appreciation for the group and encouraged them to remain engaged and involved to hold UDOT accountable to their commitments. **John Bilton** reiterated all that the City has done to oppose the road and noted that the City has engaged a lobbyist to further its efforts. **Brett Anderson** was concerned that UDOT may be trying to pit the group of citizens against the Council and recommended a united front moving forward in negotiations with State Legislators that have influence on the UDOT budget. **Brigham Mellor** shared information about the process to designate the West Davis Corridor as a scenic byway which would help strengthen the argument for an increased aesthetic budget. He noted that other cities impacted by West Davis Corridor are interested in the byway designation.

Dave Millheim offered that other groups of citizens have organized against the highway. He noted that it is not an East versus West issue as the frontage road East of I-15 is impacted. He said that all interested parties have one chance to ask for a special augmentation to the aesthetics budget, and that will be in the upcoming legislative session beginning in January 2018 so he encouraged the group to remain focused. UDOT is working to address about one hundred issues related to the EIS that were raised in the most recent comment period but the record of decision is coming sooner than later.

SUMMARY ACTION:

1. Approval of Minutes from September 5, 2017
2. Nature Center Water Line Agreement
3. Traffic Ordinance Enacting Section 14-5-050.2 and Amending Section 14-5-060.1
4. Building Ordinance Amendment to Section 10-3-020

Motion:

Brett Anderson moved that item 2, Nature Center Water Line Agreement, be tabled until a future meeting and that items 1, 3 & 4 from the summary action list be approved as contained in the staff report.

The motion was seconded by **Doug Anderson** and was approved unanimously.

GOVERNING BODY REPORTS:

The Mayor and Councilmember reports were received in the work session.

City Manager Report

Dave Millheim suggested that the 90 homeowners most directly impacted by the 650 West/1100 West road construction project have endured a lot through the project. He proposed offering some small token of thanks from the City and asked if the Council would approve of that course of action. Councilmembers expressed approval and plan to discuss the options as the project gets closer to completion.


CLOSED SESSION

Motion:

At 7:50 p.m., **Brett Anderson** made a motion to go into a closed meeting for purpose of **property acquisition**. **Cory Ritz** seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Sworn Statement

I, **Jim Talbot**, Mayor of Farmington City, do hereby affirm that the items discussed in the closed meeting were as stated in the motion to go into closed session and that no other business was conducted while the Council was so convened in a closed meeting.



Jim Talbot, Mayor

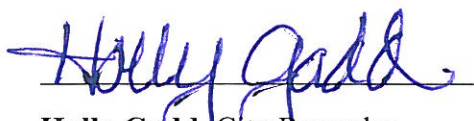
Motion:

At 7:59 p.m., a motion to reconvene into an open meeting was made by **Brigham Mellor**. The motion was seconded by **John Bilton** which was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

At 7:59 p.m., **Cory Ritz** moved to adjourn the meeting.



Holly Gadd, City Recorder

Posted October 18, 2017